obtaining a public key of the dial-in user;

verifying the reconstructed signed response string using the server-side cryptographic function;

reading the security device by a card reader;

encoding the signed response string;

decoding the signed response string;

forwarding the challenge string to the dial-up client;

forwarding the challenge string to the PKI-Bridge; and

forwarding packets from the custom script dynamically linked library.

[c35] An apparatus of integrating via a dial-up interface, comprising:

means for sending session initiation information from a dial-up client to a PKI-Bridge;

means for checking session initiation information by the PKI-Bridge;

means for generating a challenge string by a server-side cryptographic function;

means for forwarding the challenge string to a custom script dynamically linked library;

means for forwarding the challenge string to a client-side cryptographic function from the custom script dynamically linked library;

means for retrieving a private key from a security device;

means for generating a response string;

means for signing the response string with the private key of a dial-in user;

means for forwarding a signed response string to the custom script dynamically linked library;

means for dividing the signed response string into packets;

means for forwarding packets to the PKI-Bridge;

means for reconstructing the signed response string from packets;

means for forwarding a reconstructed signed response string to the server-side cryptographic function;

means for obtaining a public key of the dial-in user; and means for verifying the reconstructed signed response string using the server-side cryptographic function.